

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging
Minutes Monday, August 10, 2020, 1:30pm
Meeting held on-line via Zoom

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:33 by Commission Chair Rex Whisnand.
2. **Introductions:** Introductions were made. **Commissioners Present:** Malcolm Carden, Diana Davidson-Ishmael, Ted Michaud, Cathie Peacock, Syd Robenseifner, Matthew Rose and Rex Whisnand. **Absent:** Charlette Frazier. Christi Conforti, Torie Carlson (LOA), Sally Dios, John Featherstone,
BOS/County Staff Representatives: John Gray, Jason Terry, Senior Analyst, Tuolumne County
Guests: Catherine Driver, Adventist Home Care
3. **Public Comments:** There were none.
4. **Minutes:** Consideration of minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting. Minutes were approved.
5. **Chair's Report:** Rex spoke to the issue of membership and the fact that several efforts were afoot
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Cathie Peacock will take responsibility for future Treasurer needs. COA credit card needs to be assigned to Rex and Cathie. Jason Terry has provided the commission with pertinent financial information and practices.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Torie Carlson continues on leave. No new correspondence.
8. **BOS Report:** John Gray, Supervisor District 4 and Jason Terry, Senior Administrative Analyst. John is just returning from medical leave. Jason reported on Governor Newsom's recent reporting about impact of the COVID virus. The County is moving toward finalizing the annual budget in September. More transparent and helpful budget info will be available through opengov, The county will be competing for permanent housing funds before December.).
9. **Guest Speakers:** George Durkee represented the Yosemite All-Hazards GIS Support Group. He described his group as an evolving effort to make Geographic Information Systems (GIF) to agencies involved with search and rescue and fire incident mapping applications in different emergency environments. George teaches several Web Mapping classes at Columbia College. His informative presentation can be found at this web address:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZXEkVK-fQUAFY2G5tLj_k0WV_wHJPMk/view?usp=
10. **Committee Reports:**
Transportation Committee – Co-chairs: Charlotte Frazier and Syd Robenselfner. Special funding for transportation needs in Groveland and around the county were reviewed.
 1. Report unmet needs in Senior Transportation to SSTAC and County.
 2. Review a program of driver assistance to Seniors utilizing taxi and public transportation services.

Community Relations Committee – Co-chairs: Cathie Peacock and Kristi Conforti. Cathie reported on the new task force with special attention to seniors. Cathi and Kristi are working on various aspects of celebrating centenarian members of the county. In person group public events continue to be curtailed at the Senior Center.

3. Review viability of Senior Volunteer Event and Centenarian Luncheon.
4. Have a Commissioner attend monthly BOS meeting and speak on one Senior topic during Public Comment or on Agenda.
5. Attend Senior community meetings & events and publicize COA. Report back to COA as part of regular Agenda item.
6. Form alliances with the newspaper and other media outlets to promote Senior activities and issues.

Legislative Committee – Chairperson: Rex Whisnand. He also commented on the changing nature

of activities of the Senior legislator given the impact of the virus. Zoom meetings have changed the way the SL does legislative outreach.

7. Continue to monitor State and Federal Legislation as it impacts Seniors, and report to B.O.S. as needed.
8. Report periodically on the status of Senior Legislature proposals, and highlight items which will directly impact the County.

Governance Committee – Chairperson; Ted Michaud. Several possible new applicants for the commission are being considered. The Mi-Wuk tribe has also been approached. Cathie Peacock is following up with two other possible candidates.

9. Continue to recruit new members to fill openings and maintain a “bench strength”. Include candidates from other organizations and disadvantaged communities as appropriate.
10. Develop succession process for the coming year.
11. Review introductory package and distribute to potential candidates.

Education Committee – Co-chairs: Malcolm Carden and Ted Michaud. Malcolm reported no meeting this last month. We continue to schedule speakers to inform the commission on relevant senior issues.

12. Review information from applicable organizations and agencies on Senior homelessness, and report concerns to B.O.S.
13. Investigate impact of Homeowners Insurance situation on Senior homeowners and renters.
14. Review current County plans for emergency evacuation of Seniors and make recommendations as appropriate.
15. Assist/support A12AA with needs assessment projects and current area plan.
16. Develop list of relevant speakers for March – November meetings.

Senior Expo Task Force – Task Force Coordinator: None needed due to cancellation of this year’s event.

Joint Executive/Finance Committee – Chair: Rex Whisnand Meeting held August 3 via Zoom.

11. **Unfinished Business:** The Senior Expo will not be held due to COVID-19.
12. **New Business:** The COA meeting for Groveland will be by zoom next month. A good sampling of community representatives should be in attendance.
13. **Public Comment:** The volunteer faire scheduled for early Fall has been postponed due to virus requirements about group meetings.
14. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm.

NEXT COA MEETING:
September 14, 2020, 1:30 PM
Location: To be announced via Zoom

COA Executive Committee Meeting:
September 7, 2020, 2:00 PM
Location: To be announced via Zoom